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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 30: HUMAN RIGHTS

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED PRESIDENTIAL
DIRECTIVE NO. 30 ON HUMAN RIGHTS. I AM PROVIDING YOU
WITH THE TEXT OF THE DIRECTIVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND
GUIDANCE, AND TO ASSIST YOU IN FRAMING YOUR POLICY
ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CONTENTS OF THIS
DIRECTIVE SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD AND SHOULD NOT BE
DISCUSSED WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE/NSC-30: HUMAN RIGHTS

IT SHALL BE A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO
PROMOTE THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD. THE POLICY SHALL BE APPLIED GLOBALLY, BUT WITH
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DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND
HISTORICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH NATION, AND TO OTHER
FUNDAMENTAL U.S. INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO THE NATION
IN QUESTION.

SPECIFICALLY:

1. IT SHALL BE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TO REDUCE WORLDWIDE GOVERNMENTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON (E.G., TORTURE; CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT; ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT; LENGTHY DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL, AND ASSASSINATION) AND, TO ENHANCE CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES (E.G., FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OF RELIGION, OF ASSEMBLY, OF MOVEMENT AND OF THE PRESS; AND THE RIGHT TO BASIC JUDICIAL PROTECTIONS). IT WILL ALSO BE A CONTINUING U.S. OBJECTIVE TO PROMOTE BASIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS (E.G., ADEQUATE FOOD, EDUCATION, SHELTER AND HEALTH).

2. IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS, THE UNITED STATES SHALL USE THE FULL RANGE OF ITS DIPLOMATIC TOOLS, INCLUDING DIRECT DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SYMBOLIC ACTS, CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES, COOPERATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. GREATER RELIANCE SHOULD BE PLACED ON POSITIVE INDUCEMENTS AND INCENTIVES ACKNOWLEDGING IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE, THROUGH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN POLITICAL RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

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4. TO THIS END, COUNTRIES WITH A GOOD OR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING RECORD OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, JUST AS COUNTRIES WITH A POOR OR DETERIORATING RECORD WILL RECEIVE LESS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. PROGRAMS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE REVIEWED IN THIS LIGHT.

5. IN THE EVALUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITION OF A FOREIGN NATION IN THE COURSE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DIRECTIVE, PRIMARY EMPHASIS SHALL BE PLACED ON LONGER TERM TRENDS AND ON THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF SPECIFIC EVENTS.

6. THE U.S. SHALL NOT, OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE POLICE, CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, OR OTHERS PERFORMING INTERNAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS ENGAGED IN SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIONS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED SO AS NOT TO UNDERMINE THE ESSENTIAL U.S. INTEREST OF PRESERVING THESE INSTITUTIONS AS EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS. TO THIS END, FUTURE U.S. ACTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL SEEK TO: UTILIZE MOST EFFECTIVELY BOTH OUR VOICE AND OUR VOTE; UNDERSTAND AND ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE BANKS' ACTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE LOAN PROCESS; AND, ENGAGE THE SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.

8. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT TO THE PRC/NSC ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN OR RECOMMENDED PURSUANT TO THIS PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE. IN PARTICULAR, THE INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENCY GROUP SHALL, WITHIN TWO MONTHS, REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RECENT U.S. ACTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO: CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES AND PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION; VIEWS OF OTHER NATIONS AS TO THE PROPRIETY AND LEGALITY OF ACTIONS WE MAY TAKE; AND, THE EFFECT OF OUR ACTIONS ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES.

SIGNED/JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT. VANCE

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